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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Claim 11:** Lines 1 and 2, change "any one of Claims 7 to 10" to  
--Claim 7--.

**Claim 12:** Line 2, change "any one of Claims 7 to 10" to  
--Claim 7--.

**Claim 13:** Line 2, change "any one of Claims 7 to 10" to  
--Claim 7--.

REMARKS

Claims 11-13 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies in order to place the application into better form for examination.

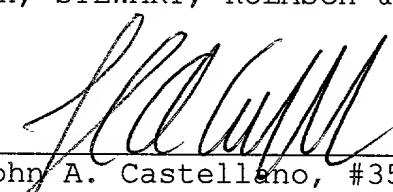
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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